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ELECTION IN RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
DATED AUGUST 18, 2003

Dear Sir:

Applicant elects, with traverse, the claims readable on the species identified by the Examiner as "Figure(s) 1 and 2." The claims readable on this elected species include claims 1-39.

Applicant notes that Figure 1 actually illustrates a prior art heat sink design, and thus should not be grouped with Figure 2 as being part of the same species. Figure 2 depicts a general system-level view of a system that includes heat sinks according to some embodiments. The remaining figures depict the heat sinks that are useable in the system of Figure 2. Therefore, Figure 2 should not be identified as being a species distinct from what is depicted in Figures 3-6.

Also, Applicant notes that Figures 3 and 4 do not depict different species of the invention. Rather, the figures show different parts of a heat sink according to an embodiment. Figure 3 shows heat pipes that are contacted to a heat-producing device. Figure 4 shows a fully assembled heat sink that incorporates the heat pipes of Figure 3. As described in the specification, the heat pipes shown in Figure 3 are embedded in the heat sink block 120 of Figure 4. Therefore, Figures 3 and 4 should not be identified as being directed to different species of the claimed invention.

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For the foregoing reasons it is respectfully requested that the restriction requirement be withdrawn.

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